

The Days of Creation

Genesis 1:2-25

Context: Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, Moses writes the origins of the world and the nations. This was written to the people of Israel after they had departed Egypt and were wandering in the wilderness.

As you look deeper into the Creation week...

I. _____ the symmetry of the days

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| Location | Inhabitants |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Light and dark | 4. Lights of day and night |
| 2. Sea and sky | 5. Fish and birds |
| 3. Fertile earth | 6. Land animals (including mankind) |
| 7. Rest and enjoyment | |

II. _____ the evidence for 6 literal days

A. There is much debate over whether or not these days are to be taken as literal or figuratively. The evidence for a literal six days are as follows:

- 1.. The constant refrain of “evening and morning” make sense for a literal day.
2. Elsewhere, Moses refers to the Creation week as happening in six days. See - Exodus 20:11
3. The pattern for man to work six days and rest on the seventh is clearly stated through the example of God during the Creation week.

III. _____ that it was all good

- A. Everything that God brings into being is good. This becomes an important refrain throughout the chapter (see vv. 10, 12, 18, 21, 25, 31).
- B. Despite the invasion of sin (ch. 3), the material creation retains its goodness (cf. 1 Tim. 4:4). (ESV Study Bible)